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Sir,

My opinion on the entire Microsoft prosecution is that no positive historical grounds exist supporting the antitrust action against Microsoft. My argument consists of the single observation that no previous antitrust action has benefited the public interest including Standard Oil, IBM, AT&T and most recently, Microsoft. That is, the price of the goods or services offered by the accused invariably increased following government antitrust action.

Moreover, the continuing action by individual States against Microsoft following the high court's decision to end prosecution seems based upon transparent motives of simple greed for settlement dollars, the acquisition of individual fame, or a crude attempt to aid local business that may compete with Microsoft in a product line.

I conclude that prolonged litigation against Microsoft Corporation benefits only selected groups with goals not at all determined by perceived good for the general consumer.

Hence, I hope to see the legal crusade ended and so enable the considerable ongoing expenditure of public and private funds to find more useful applications.

Thank you for your consideration,

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